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In re Patent Application of: Markus Matuschek et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
CAROTESIODS OR THEIR PRECURSORS
USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED
ORGANISMS OF THE BLAKESLEA
GENUS, CAROTENDIDS OR THEIR
PRECURSORS PRODUCED BY SAID
METHOD AND HISE THERROF

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressely considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

The document listed on the attached SB/08 was cited in the Search Report during the prosecution of European application EP 04700978, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), Applicants hereby submit this document for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of the Search Report from the European counterpart is also attached.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this paper. However, if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13311-00009-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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